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**Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MINIMIZING SPECTRAL
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DURING *IN-SITU* SPECTRAL SAMPLING OF TISSUE**

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This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2003 in the above-identified United States Patent Application.

Please amend the Application as follows:

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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 60/235,424, filed on September 26, 2000, and is a continuation-in-part-application of U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/563,782 filed on May 2, 2000 and is also a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/631,440, filed on August 2, 2000.